

## *Staff Employee of the Week*

### **Lauren Lawson**

**Lauren Lawson**, accountant for the Office of the University Bursar, Virginia Tech alumna, and current graduate student, continues to make her mark on the university through her creativity and dedication.

In 2013, Lawson exceeded her colleagues' expectations by implementing new processes to help aid the newly formed collaboration between the university and Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine (VTCSOM). According to her colleagues, Lawson worked tirelessly to develop university procedures in support of the School's application to the United States Department of Education, seeking federal financial aid program participation.



"Lawson worked extensively with our technical staff in the creation of reports, research documentation, and testing and learning the new system in order to find the best solutions for our needs," said Gena Simmons, accountant for the Office of the University Bursar. "Her input and knowledge have had a positive impact on the development of strong processes and procedures in both areas."

In addition to her daily tasks, she also monitors the School of Medicine's accounts for refunds due to students on a weekly basis, to ensure that funds are available to the students quickly and in compliance with regulations.

"Lawson continues to be a key player in the Office of the University Bursar and in the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. Her dedication and outstanding commitment to others serves as a stellar example of Virginia Tech's motto, *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve)."